

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please change the title as follows:

MULTIPLEX FLOW ASSAYS ~~PREFERABLY~~ WITH MAGNETIC PARTICLES AS SOLID PHASE

Please replace the first paragraph on page 1 with the following amended paragraph:

This application is a division of application serial no. 09/905,338 filed July 13, 2001 (now U.S. patent 6,872,578), which is a division of application serial no. 09/302,970 filed April 30, 1999, which is a continuation-in-part of co-pending application serial no. 08/972,563, filed November 18, 1997, the contents of which are incorporated herein by reference.